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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Communication of the STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW as to the Summary of the Interview in the Final Office action of February 24, 2005. This is not the substantive response to the Final Office Action of 2/24/05 (which will follow at a later date).

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE **COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE** 

SIR:

In response to the Interview Summary (for the examiner-initiated interview of February 22, 2005), all of which were mailed on February 24, 2005, our comments are as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/070,286 Attorney Docket No. 10191/2262 Communication (Substance of the Interview) As to 2/24/05 Interview Summary

## **REMARKS**

It is first noted that a substantive response to the 2/24/05 Office Action will follow this paper, since this paper is only a Communication as to the Substance of the 2/22/05 Interview.

As to the Interview, on February 22, 2005, Examiner Anita Karen Alonko initiated a phone call with Aaron C. Deditch (reg. no. 33,865) to offer proposed amendments to the claims by limiting the claims to annealing. Examiner Alonko advised that she would allow the case if the claims were so limited.

Agreement could not be reached however in view of the time constraints to respond.

It is noted that the Interview Summary form that was used was PTOL-413, which states that if a reply has already been filed Applicant is given one month from the Interview date (February 22, 2005) or one month from its mailing date (February 24, 2005), whichever is later.

However, since this was an Examiner initiated interview, it is respectfully submitted that PTOL-413B should have been used, and since the case was allowed, the first box of Part III of that form should have provided that Applicant did not need to provide a separate record of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the Application, and since the Examiner provided a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability (which was done here).

As explained above, the Examiner Amendment and Interview Summary is correct as to the fact that Applicants could not reach agreement as to limiting the claims to "annealing" to allow the case.

If Applicant had initiated the Interview, then PTOL-413 would have been the proper form to use.

The foregoing procedures are documented and explained in the M.P.E.P. At 713.04 (pages 700-182 to 700-186).

Since, however, the Examiner sent-form PTOL-413, it is believed that this response satisfies the request for Applicant to file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview (see pages 700-184 and 700-185 of the M.P.E.P.).

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